के लिए संयोजित ग्रेड का कोयला कहीं भी उपलब्ध नहीं है।

ऐसे सभी मामलों में कोयले की सुपुर्दगी किए जाने से पूर्व उपभोक्ता को निचले तथा उच्च ग्रेड के कोयले के बीच की राशि के अन्तराल की अदायगी की जानी अपेक्षित है।"

व्यक्तिगत मामलों में ऐसे निर्णय सहायक कंपनियों में लिए जाते हैं। पिछले वर्ष ऐसे परिवर्तित किए गए मामलों का ब्यौरा तत्काल उपलब्ध नहीं है, चूंकि ऐसे ब्यौरों को क्षेत्रीय कार्यालयों से एकत्रित करना पड़ता है, जिसमें काफी समयावधि लगती है। यह बात महसूस की गई है कि ऐसे ब्यौरों को एकत्रित किए जाने तथा संग्रहण किए जाने में लगने वाली समयावधि तथा अपेक्षित प्रयास, जिस प्रयोजन के लिए ये एकत्रित किया जाता है, उसके अनुरूप नहीं होंगे।

Amendment in the Colliery Control Order, 1945

681. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Colliery Control Order, 1945, in order to have wider implications on the Coal Sector;

(b) if so, what are the main points of amendment that are being considered in amending the Colliery Control Order, 1945;

(c) whether the amendments are being worked out in consultation with the World Bank which is extending a $ 500 M. time-slice loan to Coal India;

(d) if so, whether the amendment is not required to be passed by Parliament and can be amended by the Ministry itself; and

(e) to what extent the amendement will he helpful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (e) Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to the recommendations of Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices for decontrol of prices of coking coal and higher grades of non-coking coal. The recommendations if accepted may need some amendments to Colliery Control Order or notifications issued under that Order. Since the recommendations are yet to be accepted there is no proposal to amend the said Order for the present. The amendments to the Order can be made by the Ministry but these are laid on the Tables of both the Houses of Parliament and to that extent these powers are subject to scrutiny by Parliament. Policy decisions such as decontrol of prices are taken by Govt. on marits of each case including demand and availability etc. and not under terms of any loan negotiated with World Bank or any other multilateral or bilateral lending agencies.

Adverse Impact of Dunkel proposals on PDS

682. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that apprehensions have been raised about the adverse impact of the Dunkel proposals on the Public Distribution System in the Country; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to allay these fears?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The misapprehensions were based upon the ambiguous wording of the Draft Final Act of the Uruguay Round. In Final Act India has ensured that there is an explicit provision that supply of foodstuffs at subsidised prices to urban and rural poor under the PDS is not affected by the disciplines of the Uruguay Round Agreement on Agriculture.